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Subject: FW: R3 EE update

FYI

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Subject: RE: R3 EE update

FYI – my edited draft...

Planned Action on Exceptional Events Demonstrations for Canadian Wildfire Impacts in Maryland: The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) submitted two exceptional event demonstrations on May 26, 2017, for two, separate, large-scale Canadian wildfire events that influenced ozone concentrations across Maryland. Exceedances of the 2008 and 2015 ozone NAAQS were observed on May 25 and 26, 2016 and July 21 and 22, 2016. While all monitor days requested for exclusion observed exceedances of the 8-hour ozone NAAQS, not all requested monitor days had immediate or potential regulatory significance. After careful review of MDE's exceptional events demonstrations, EPA Region 3 plans to concur on 17 monitor days, defer action on 16 monitor days for which there is no immediate regulatory significance, and non-concur on 10 monitor days for which Region 3 has determined there is no potential regulatory significance. MDE is not pursuing any "alternate paths" programmatic application for monitor days outside the scope of exceptional events – MDE elected to submit them all together because doing so required minimal incremental effort. Region 3 informed MDE as part of the Initial Notification Process which monitor days in the demonstrations would not have regulatory significance, and Region 3 expects MDE to be pleased by this planned action. Region 3 will communicate to MDE that it would reopen review of any deferred monitor days that take on regulatory significance in the future. EPA Region 3 intends to act on these demonstrations in early 2018. *Can Region 3 proceed as planned?*

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Hi Ben,

Yes, PA is fully aware that the sooner we receive the necessary additional evidence, the better.

As for Maryland, I don't see a concurrence happening before Christmas. We briefed our division director last week, and will send up an issue paper to our RA this week. Since I do not believe that the RA nor the DRA have ever acted on an exceptional events request, it is possible that they may request a briefing. In the meantime, I have attached our 1:1 decision summary.

Best,

Verena Joerger

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Verena,

Recognizing the 11/30/18 deadline based on the rule, is PA fully aware that demo completion would need to be much sooner in order to be reflected in ozone designation decisions?

Separately, does it look like the MD concurrences will happen before Christmas?

Thanks,
Ben

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Hi Ben,

I do have a couple of updates.

PA wasn't able to post their EE demo for public comment until Saturday, December 2nd, so our planning folks were unable to use it for designations. However, when we are able to process the EE request, there will likely be several concurrences with regulatory significance to the 2015 standard (as I understand, some could affect designations).

- Reading Airport (2016 DV)
- Lebanon (2016 DV)
- Norristown (2016 DV)
- (Tentatively) Freemansburg (2017 DV)

Beside the public comment period, the only other thing holding us up is that we have requested additional information/support for PA's demo. Hopefully we will see the additional information sooner rather than later, but by the rule (12 months after notification), they have until November 30, 2018.

Best,

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Hi Verena,

Any more recent news on PA's demo status? Ozone designations folks here are interested in the latest on likely timing and regulatory significance.

Thanks,
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Hi Ben,

I wanted to let you know that this week we received PA's Ft. McMurray demonstration. I do not believe that it has been posted for public comment yet (they are still waiting on a signature from the Secretary), but they emailed us a copy so that we can get a start on the review process.

We would like to brief the RA and Division Director on both PA and MD, and hope to have those briefings scheduled soon. We definitely will not get on the RA's schedule before Thanksgiving, but hopefully we can get something scheduled for early December.

Best,

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